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Identical letters dated 13 June 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement dated 11 June 2005 made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Fayssal **Mekdad**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic

In response to the statements made by some officials in the United States Administration regarding Syrian interference in Lebanese affairs through the action of intelligence agents, the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic wishes to affirm that such allegations are unfounded, that Syria completed the full return of its forces and the intelligence apparatus connected with them on 26 April 2005 and that the United Nations has confirmed this in its report on the related verification, issued on 23 May 2005. Consequently, any reports or statements which conflict with those official confirmations are to be rejected.

The Syrian Arab Republic expresses its great surprise that the American Administration would give any credence to reports or statements made by persons either inside or outside Lebanon whose objectives are questionable. Syria affirms once again its great solicitude for Lebanon's security and stability, just as it is solicitous for the security and stability of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Damascus, 11 June 2005

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Letter dated 14 June 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 12 May 2005 addressed to you by the representative of the Israeli regime and circulated as a document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council (A/59/802-S/2005/312), in which baseless allegations were made against my country, I wish to state the following:

My Government categorically refutes the unsubstantiated allegations raised in the said letter against the Islamic Republic of Iran and considers them deliberate attempts by the Israeli regime to distract the international community's attention from the numerous crimes committed by the said regime in the region, including acts of terrorism, aggression and provocation.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 36 and 148, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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